Neko no Machi no Ko

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Special thanks to...

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everyone at the editing department,

my big sister,

my editor,

everyone involved in the making of this manga,

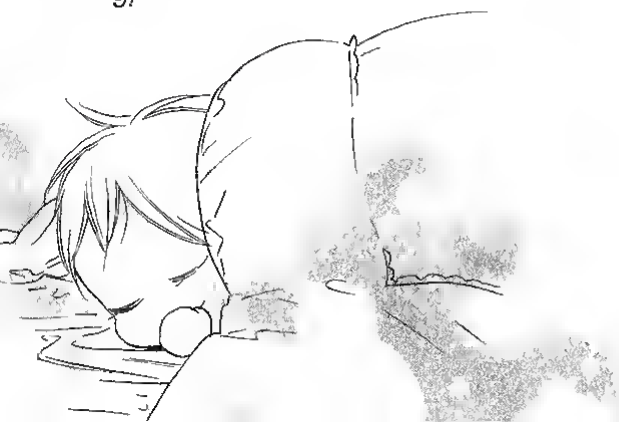
all the readers who encouraged me while I was writing it.

and...

Thank you!
Thank you!

PLEASE, MAY NO ONE TAKE AWAY THE GENTLE MORNING THAT ALWAYS GREETS YOU.

Thank you for reading!



The residents of the town of cats
Ichii age 24
Kanoko age 22
Saki age 22
Childhood friends
Son-in-law Takahiro-kun age 26
Seizou age 56
Rin age 32
Boss age 36
Ichii's mom age 51
Ichii's dad age 52
The baron age 27
Former mom age 29
Shiro
Tae age 2
Tabiko-san age 5
Nyabebe
Nyaosu

Warning:

I want to soften the blow for you before you turn the page. This was my **debut work.** It won the HMC manga award. In other words, this manga is from **10 YEARS AGO!** (It's from before I was even a professional!)

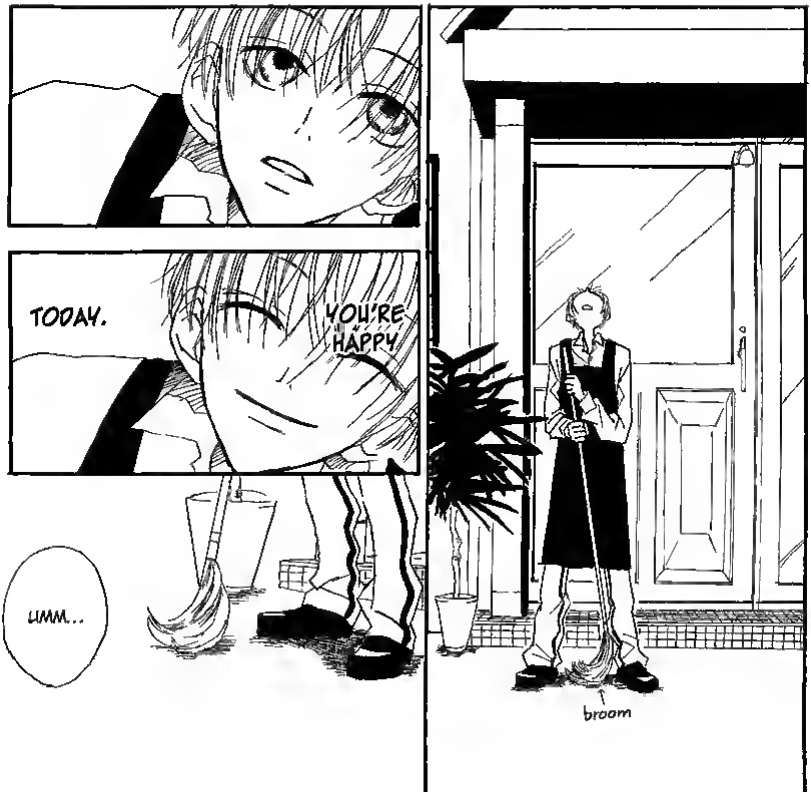
It's level 4 out of 10 in terms of drawing ability.
That's how I'm rating it.
As its creator, I find it hard to look at, actually. (I'm kind of traumatized by this era in my life, actually). (lol) I'm much better at inking now. Even though I included this story, I didn't change it at all. I say that, but I still can't look at it.

Even so, I actually like this story. It was written by the past me. I'm jealous of that self for being able to write something so pure and emotional, **so I won't lose to these drawings!**
I'd be happy if you would read it!

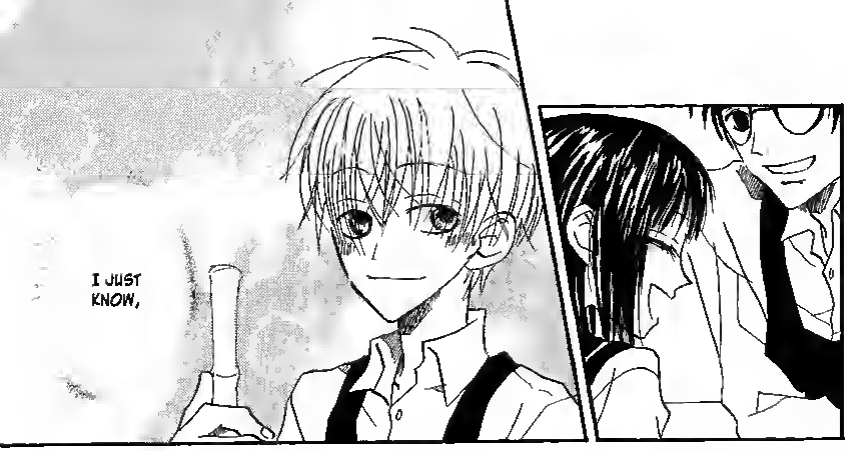
そら
空もよう
Skyscape

I'M HAPPY BECAUSE IT'S SUNNY,
AND SAD BECAUSE IT'S RAINING.
THAT'S NOT WHY YOU FEEL THAT WAY, IS IT?
IT'S BECAUSE YOU LOVE ME,
RIGHT?
NOW YOU'VE SAID IT.
Want me to throw you into the river?
You ass.
Hahaha
HAHAHA!
MAYBE...
WOW, ANJI.
HOW DID YOU KNOW?
Hmmm
I WON-DER...

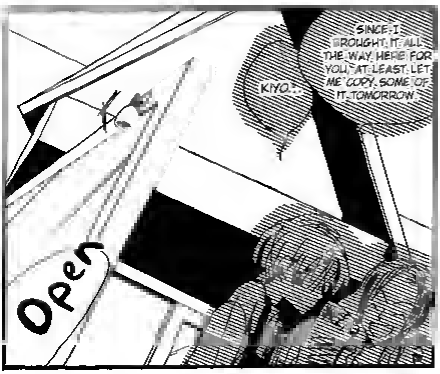
WHEN I LOOK AT THE SKY,
I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL.

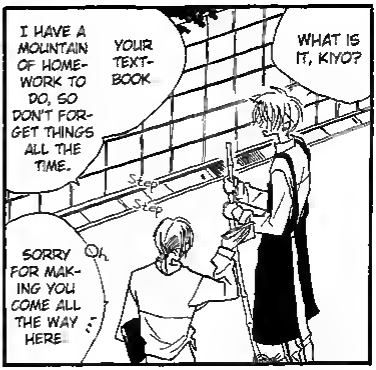

TODAY.
YOU'RE HAPPY.
UMM...
broom

HELLO.
Whoa! Too close!
HE-
HELLO!!!
HI.
Yaechan!
SHE'S SOTO-HARA SAYO,
THE COUSIN OF THE OWNER.
Morning
SHE OFTEN COMES HERE ON HER WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL.
I'M WORKING PART-TIME AT THIS TEA HOUSE.
IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR YOSHIKANE-SAN, HE'S INSIDE.
Hehehe
Ba-thump
Ba-thump



THAT WHEN YOU SMILE, I'M SUDDENLY HAPPY.




I HAVE A MOUNTAIN OF HOME-WORK TO DO, SO DON'T FOR-GET THINGS ALL THE TIME.
YOUR TEXT-BOOK
WHAT IS IT, KIYO?
Step
Step
SORRY FOR MAK-ING YOU COME ALL THE WAY HERE.
Oh

RATTLE
Nod
WHO'S THAT?
...AN ACQUAIN-TANCE.
THAT HURTS TO SAY.
BECAUSE...
SHE DOESN'T EVEN
KNOW MY NAME.

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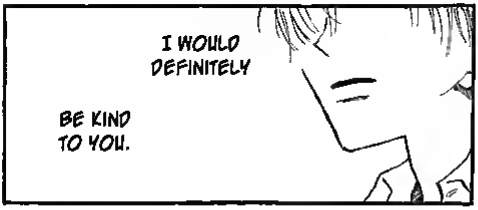

TODAY, THE SKY IS

A SKY

ON THE VERGE OF TEARS.

Clank

YOSHIKANE-SAN ISN'T HERE RIGHT NOW.
Tap
SHE LOVES. THE PERSON
I CAN'T BE WITH THE PERSON I LOVE...!
.....
IS THERE SOME-THING WRONG?
Sweeeet
.....

COME ON.
IS HE THE PERSON THAT YOU LOVE?
IS THIS HEART-BREAK?
BAM
.....
IT HURTS...
BUT WHY CAN'T I GIVE UP?
"THIS IS JUST THE BEGINNING."
THIS VOICE IS SAVING ME.
MY NAME IS KIJIMA ANJI.

IT'S WEIRDLY UNCERTAIN.
UMM...
WHAT SKY IS THIS?
I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE.

MUMBLE
I'M...
MUMBLE
!!!
Clean, for god's sake!

"I'M"
I...
I'M...
Squeeze
"KIJIMA ANJI."
UMMM...
I...

OR NOT!
AT LEAST LET ME TELL HER MY NAME!
GASP
?

YES?
UWAH!
Blush
JOLT
SHE'S NOT IN HER SCHOOL UNIFORM!
So cute!

I'M...
MOVING
TODAY.
WELL THEN...
THIS IS THE LAST TIME I'M GOING TO SEE YOU
SO I WANTED TO SAY GOOD-BYE PROPERLY.
OUR LOVE
HAS NO SAVIOR.
I... I CAME TO SAY GOODBYE.
"I'M...

YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND AND WE WON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN.
NO ONE USES
OH... WELL THEN... TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELF.
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME.
SUCH WEAK WORDS.
I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
WILL THIS REALLY END
WELL THEN, I GUESS THIS IS GOODBYE.
...GOOD-BYE.
SO SOON?
I SAW YOUR SMILING FACE
I THOUGHT THIS WAS A FATED LOVE.
FILLED WITH SADNESS.
IS THIS HOW IT ENDS?

A LITTLE CLOSER,
I COULD TELL YOU THAT I LOVE YOU.
IF WE WERE JUST

IF I LOOK IN FRONT OF ME,
THAT'S THE SKY I SEE.
THAT'S THE ONLY THING I BELIEVE IN.
Grasp
FLAP
IS IT REALLY OKAY?
TO SAY—
IT'S FINE.
LET'S GO,
ONII-CHAN.
SAYING GOODBYE IS TOO SAD.
SIMPLY "ACQUAINTANCES."
NOT FRIENDS, NOT LOVERS, NOT FAMILY NOR SIBLINGS.
BECAUSE HE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW MY NAME.

I JUST WANTED YOU TO CALL MY NAME ONCE...
WHY IS IT THAT I UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL?
EVEN IF IT'S ONLY ONCE..
IT'S OKAY.
SAYO.
THAT'S...

BECAUSE I LOVE YOU.
SKYSCAPE / END